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SUBJECT: DEFENSE ORIENTATION CONFERENCE VISIT --

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1. IN FEBRUARY DEPARTMENT ADVISED DEFENSE (OSD/ISA) THAT WE WERE UNABLE TO ENDORSE VISIT TO HELLENIC ARMY UNITS BY PRESTIGIOUS GROUP SUCH AS DEFENSE ORIENTATION CONFERENCE WHICH IS TRAVELING UNDER DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SPONSORSHIP AND WE RECOMMENDED THAT THE GROUP LIMIT ITS CONTACTS IN GREECE TO U.S. OFFICIALS AND ACTIVITIES. A CHJUSMAGG MSG 210937Z MAR 1974 HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION INDICATING THAT THE ITINERARY FOR THIS VISIT INCLUDES A TOUR OF THE HELLENIC ARMY COMMAND'S 301ST BASE WORKSHOP (REBUILD FACILITY) AND THAT INCLUSION OF THIS ACTIVITY HAS THE CONCURRENCE OF THE EMBASSY.

2. DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION ON VISIT TO THIS HELLENIC ARMY ACTIVITY. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE VISIT WOULD BE LIKELY TO RECEIVE CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY AND APPEAR AS USG SUPPORT FOR THE REGIME. PLEASE ADVISE. RUSH

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